

RHODES IS DEAD.

South African Diamond Prince Passed Away Today.

Public Feeling Against Him Partly Responsible For His Death.

Cape Town, March 26.—Cecil Rhodes is dead. Mr. Rhodes died peacefully at 5:57 p.m. He slept during the afternoon but his breathing became more difficult and his strength perceptibly diminished until he passed away.

London, March 26.—The death of Cecil Rhodes came as no great surprise to those few who saw anything of him during his last visit to London during the winter. Whether it was due to his experiences during the long siege of Kimberley, or the accumulated anxieties regarding the war in South Africa with an accompanying change of public feeling in England towards him, there is no doubt he was almost completely broken down within the last two years.



CECIL RHODES.

ARCHITECT OF AKRON CARNEGIE LIBRARY BUILDING

Mr. F. O. Weary Chosen by the Board to Prepare the Plans.

Mr. Frank O. Weary, a prominent Akron architect, was selected by the members of the Library Board, at their meeting, Tuesday evening, to prepare the plans for the new Carnegie library building to be erected in Bluff park. Mr. Weary's estimate was \$65,000. The plans submitted will be slightly modified to accord with the ideas of the Board. The structure will be one story in height and will be built in classic style, the materials used being handsome pressed brick, profusely adorned with elaborate stone trimmings. The dimensions of the building will be about 100x60 feet. It will contain the reading rooms and distributing departments. It will be several months before work on the building can begin.

KITCHENER GAVE CHASE TO DELAREY

The Brave Boer General Eluded Him But Lost More Than 100 Men.

London, March 26.—In a dispatch dated from Pretoria at noon yesterday, Lord Kitchener says:

"At dusk, on the evening of March 23, the combined movement against Delarey was undertaken by columns of mounted men, without guns or impediments of any kind. The columns started from Commando Drift, on the Vaal river, and traveled rapidly all night and at dawn, March 24, occupied positions along the line from commando Drift to the Lichtenburg blockhouse line. The troops moved rapidly eastward keeping a continuous line, with the object of driving the enemy against the blockhouses or force an action. Kekewich's column, after the commencement of the action, captured three 15-pounders, two pom-poms, nine prisoners and a hundred mules, carts and wagons. General W. Kitchener's column captured 80 prisoners, 30 carts and wagons and a thousand cattle. There were a few more prisoners on the blockhouse line. The troops covered eighty miles in 24 hours."

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President Church Might be a Brother of Cecil Rhodes

Resemblance Between Them Has Attracted Attention.

A good many of the friends of President A. B. Church of Buchtel college, since the recent publication of pictures of Cecil Rhodes, have noticed quite a striking resemblance between the South African magnate and the general college president. Indeed it is supposed by many that a Cleveland painter palmed off a picture of Mr. Rhodes as that of President Church a few days ago. The election of Rev. Mr. Church to the permanent presidency of Buchtel gives general satisfaction. For the student body the Buchtelite says of his election:

"As is shown by the reports from the trustees' meeting, the prospects for the future of our institution are most bright. The trustees have shown their confidence in Mr. Church by electing him to the permanent presidency of the college, after he has served so well during his term as acting president."

"In Mr. Church we have a president who is ambitious, energetic, earnest, and having the highest interests of our college at heart. Much depends upon his efforts and he has taken up his difficult task with a vim which forbodes nothing but success."

"President Church, the Buchtelite assures you that you have the cooperation of the student body of the college. All eyes are turned toward you, and each heart beats in sympathy with your efforts. May your efforts for 'Greater Buchtel' be crowned with success."



PRESIDENT A. B. CHURCH.

SPIRIT

Went From Its Mortal Home.

A Sweet, Young Life Has Closed.

Miss Roxie Hershey Died at Oberlin Tuesday Evening.

There is sorrow today in many Akron homes over the death of Miss Roxie Hershey, and in hundreds of other homes, where she was not known, there is sympathy for the family circle so abruptly broken. Death came, Tuesday evening, at 9 o'clock, at Oberlin, where the young woman had been ill with diphtheria, which developed from tonsillitis.

Miss Hershey was aged 17 years. She was a daughter of County Clerk and Mrs. E. A. Hershey, of 927 East Market st., and is survived by father and mother and two sisters, Misses Blanche A. and Ella B. Hershey. She had been at Oberlin several months, attending the Conservatory of Music. The young woman was particularly well advanced in music, largely on account of her natural aptitude. She was well known in this city, being very popular in the younger circles in society.

The body will be brought to Akron, this evening, at 8:30 o'clock via the C. & A. C. railroad. At the Union depot, the funeral party will be met by Billow's funeral car, and the remains will be taken at once to Glendale cemetery and placed in the receiving vault. There will be no services. Further than this arrangements have not been announced, but it is probable that services will be conducted later.

The illness which resulted in Miss Hershey's death began about two weeks ago, and was at first not regarded as serious. It was believed she was taking the mumps, as an epidemic of that disease has existed in Oberlin during the past few weeks. In the house at which Miss Hershey boarded, there were 16 cases of mumps, and when she became ill, the physician called, began treating her for that disease. Her parents were notified of her illness, but were told that there was no cause for alarm. However, she grew worse, and Mrs. Hershey and Miss Blanche, went to Oberlin. On Tuesday, a week ago, it was found that she had tonsillitis, and her father spent nearly all of the following day at Oberlin. It then became known that she had diphtheria, and Dr. L. R. Ehrlich and a nurse were sent from this city, Friday.

Mrs. Hershey came home Friday, but Miss Blanche remained. Mr. Hershey went to Oberlin Tuesday, and he and Miss Blanche were the only members of the family present when death came.

In treating for diphtheria, physicians were considerably handicapped on account of the weakened condition of the patient.

The patient's heart was weak, and her general condition physically was such as made the disease very hard to cope with. Antitoxine was administered, and everything else done to save her life, but to no avail, and the end

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If This Bill Becomes a Law.

TWO TEACHERS'

Resignations Accepted at School Board Meeting.

There were two resignations of teachers presented at School Board meeting last night, and both were accepted. Miss De Esta Cook gives up the work because of ill health, and Miss Mary K. Neff wishes her resignation to take effect at the end of the year. Clerk Shirer was authorized to draw \$1,000, for the purchase of books for the current year.

GARDNER

Lying at Point of Death.

Popular Former Buchtel Athlete Badly Hurt.

Pittsburg, March 26.—James A. Gardner, the well known base ball pitcher, lies at the Allegheny General hospital suffering with concussion of the brain. Tuesday evening, while driving a spirited horse, the animal became frightened and ran away, throwing Gardner from the buggy. He alighted on his head, and was picked up unconscious. His condition is serious. Gardner began last season as manager and player of the Columbus (Ohio) Western Association team, which he left in the middle of the season, to go to Worcester. "Jimmy" received a good offer from the Chicago club for this season.

"Jimmy" Gardner is very well known in Akron, where he attended college, for several years. He was prominent in the athletic and social affairs of the college, and a very popular young man.

MONEY SPENT

By Eighth's Boys Will be Returned to Them.

(Special Correspondence.) Columbus, O., March 26.—The House today passed the bill to appropriate \$4,800 to reimburse the Eighth Regiment for expenses on its trip to Washington for McKinley inauguration a year ago.

AFTER THEM.

Erie Officials Determined to Stop Train Jumping.

Otto Volke, a 17-year-old boy residing near Akron, was arrested Tuesday, by Detective W. J. McMichael of the Erie railroad, charged with train jumping. He was taken before Justice Hoffman pleaded guilty, and was fined \$5 and costs. As he was without money he was sent to the county jail.

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QUAKER OATS.

The Stock Now Established on a Firm Basis.

Columbus, O., March 26.—Representative Buchtel introduced a bill in the House of Representatives Tuesday afternoon, to place the members of the Akron fire department upon a straight, fixed salary. The department has been paid as Council saw fit in the past, and Mr. Buchtel says that this has at times been unsatisfactory. Under the new law, if the Buchtel bill passes, the Chief of the Akron department will receive a salary of not less than \$1500 per year. The other salaries are fixed in grades, depending upon the class in which the firemen is graded. The salaries provided in the Buchtel bill are: Chief, \$1500; captains, \$1080; lieutenants, \$800; mechanical engineer, \$1500; assistant mechanical engineer, \$1300; engineers, \$1068; assistant engineers, \$960; firemen, \$840; linemen, \$972; cadets, first grade, \$780; second, \$720; third, \$660; fourth, \$600. Salaries will be payable semi-monthly. The law otherwise remains as at present.

BARBERS' BILL

Goes Down to an Ignominious Defeat.

Columbus, O., March 26.—By a vote of 65 to 35 the House defeated the Middleswart barber bill. This measure provided for a State Board of Examiners for barbers, required all barbers to procure a license and pay \$1 a year for same, and required all persons desiring to enter the barbering trade to pass an examination and pay a fee of \$5.

HIS EAR WAS

ALMOST CUT OFF

A street car struck an express wagon, driven by Mr. Frank Fleischman about 6 o'clock Tuesday evening at the corner of North Howard and North sts. Mr. Fleischman was thrown to the ground and in some way his ear was almost cut off.

"MADE FACES AT ME," SHE SAID

Miss McDonald Gave Interesting Testimony Against Mr. Paret.

The Wilbur Opera Company's Little Sensation as It Appeared In Court.

As a sequel to the trouble between

Frank Paret, director, and Miss Agnes McDonald, a chorus girl, which occurred Tuesday morning during the rehearsal of the Wilbur Opera Co., at the Colonial theatre, the pay of Grace Earle, Nellie Mayhew and Maude Staples, chorus girls, was withheld Tuesday night, pending the outcome of the hearing of Frank Paret, the musical director, charged with assault and battery on Miss McDonald.

At the matinee, Tuesday, Paret refused to direct the opera if Miss McDonald sang in the chorus. Miss McDonald was discharged Tuesday evening. The other chorus girls sympathized with Miss McDonald, and they sang their parts with rage burning in their brows.

Miss McDonald and Miss Maude Staples have been with the Wilbur Co. only a few weeks. Previous to the Wilbur engagement, they sang leading parts with the Lyceum Opera Co., which came to grief four weeks ago while touring Michigan.

"My trouble with Paret has been brewing for some time," said Miss McDonald. Wednesday morning, "Paret paid me some attention and I refused to reciprocate, and this angered him. The climax came Tuesday morning."

Miss Grace Earle, a chorus girl, who saw the scene between Miss McDonald and Paret, said that Miss Maude Daniels, manager of the Wilbur Co., said that she would put any girl, who testified against Paret, out of the theatre, without pay.

The trouble was given a thorough airing in Police court Wednesday morning.

Miss Agnes McDonald testified that they had a few hot words at the Colonial theatre Tuesday forenoon about her singing. She said that Paret had made faces at her over the footlights for a whole week and she told him he ought to be on the Bowery. This, she continued, angered Paret and throwing off his coat, he rushed at her and gave her a violent shove, at the same time calling her a vile name. Attorney Wau-

maker, for the defendant, asked Miss McDonald to illustrate Paret's action toward her. This the young lady did in a very dramatic manner, by giving the ex-Prosecutor a violent shake and uttering the vile words, which Paret used.

Misses Grace Earle, Maude Staples and Nellie Mayhew testified as to Paret's action toward Miss McDonald.

The manner in which Paret acted toward Miss McDonald was illustrated a second time by Miss Nellie Mayhew. The subject this time, however, was Prosecutor Wells, and the young lady gave him such a violent shove that he was sent crashing against some chairs and a table. Even His Honor chuckled at this scene.

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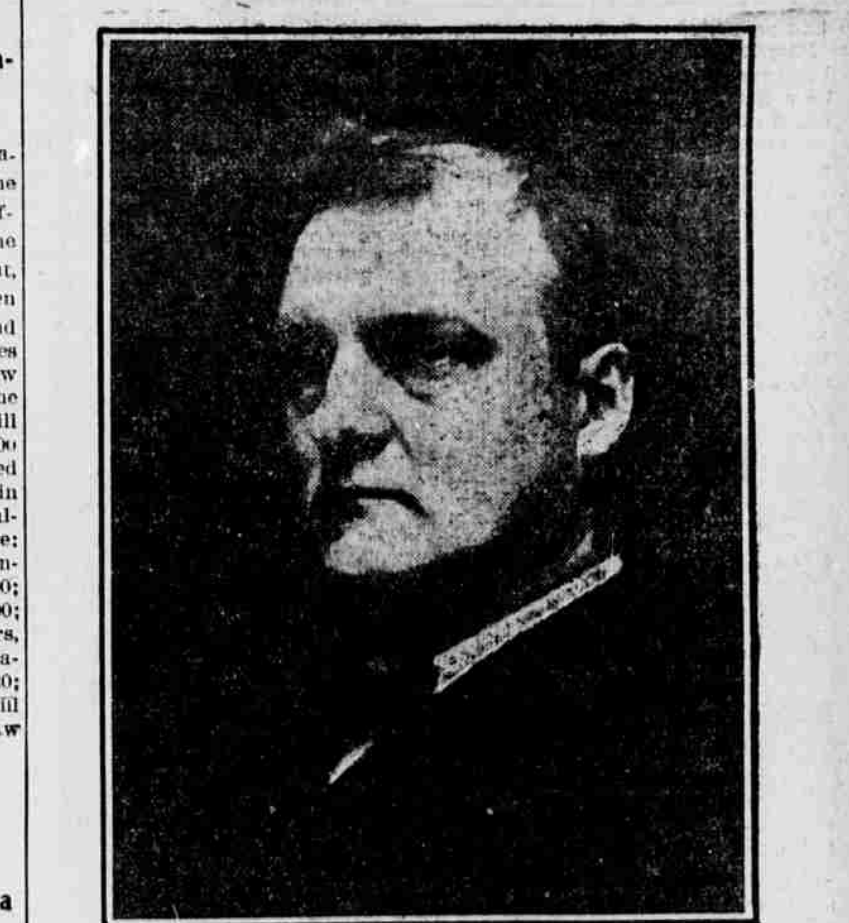
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A Substantial Compliment

Paid to W. T. Tobin.



MR. W. T. TOBIN.

Mr. W. T. Tobin, of this city, has been complimented by appointment as District Deputy of the Knights of Columbus, in the Akron district, composed of Summit, Medina, Ashland, Wayne, Holmes, Knox and Richland counties.

The appointment was made by State Deputy P. J. Brady, of Cleveland. This appointment makes Mr. Tobin the highest officer in this district. He will have charge of all organizing work, and has already taken steps to greatly invigorate the local K. of C. organization.

Mr. Tobin is a well known and popular Akron business man. He is secretary of the M. O'Neil & Co. He is also well known in politics, both local and State, and has done his best to keep the lights of Democracy burning brightly.

REPRESENTATIVES HAVE

AGREED ON THE BILL

To Change the City Commissioner Law of Akron and Youngstown.

(Special Correspondence.)

Columbus, O., March 26.—The Summit and Mahoning county Legislative delegations met Tuesday evening and decided upon a course to pursue in the Akron-Youngstown government bills. It was decided that it is useless to wait longer on the municipal code bill as the time is getting short, and that if the bill should fail to pass, there will be little chance of getting the special bill acted upon. It was agreed that the bill be so amended that the Board of City Commissioners

shall consist of two members, appointed by the Mayor, and that they shall not be members of the same political party. The bill as originally drawn provided that the members be elected.

The bill will be reported at an early date and placed on the calendar. It will probably come up for passage some time next week.

THE WEATHER. PARTLY CLOUDY, FARMER.